

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS****SETTING UP OF FERTILIZER PLANTS  
WITH FOREIGN COLLABORATION****\*127. DR. Z. A. AHMAD :**

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE :

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA :

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL :

SHRI S. B. BOBDEY :

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :

SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDH-  
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SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIAMENON :

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR :

SHRI SITARAM KESRI :

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM  
AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided  
to set up fertiliser plants with foreign  
collaboration, if so, the details thereof ;  
and

(b) whether there is a proposal to enter  
into such collaborations with Japan, if  
so, the details in this regard and the steps  
taken in pursuance thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM  
AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K.  
BOROOAH): (a) and (b) In the setting up  
fertilizer plants, minimum external  
assistance in terms of technical know-how  
in certain areas and foreign exchange

financing is still required. Some proposals in  
this regard have been received and are under  
consideration. These proposals include  
an offer based on Japanese assistance,  
which is also under consideration.

**OIL EXPLORATION IN TRIPURA**

**\*128. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :** Will  
the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rich deposits  
of oil have been located in Tripura ;

(b) if so, whether Government have  
started exploration, and with what results ;  
and

(c) whether it is a fact that the exploration  
was delayed because of the difficulty in  
transport owing to the outbreak of hostili-  
ties on the eastern border ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM  
AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K.  
BOROOAH): (a) and (b) It is true that  
as a result of the surveys conducted till  
now, a number of favourable structures have  
been located in Tripura. The extent to  
which they are oil-bearing would be known  
only after they are tested through deep  
drilling. The ONGC has already started  
drilling at one of the structures, namely  
at Baramura, where operations are still  
in progress.

(c) No, Sir.

**AGREEMENT FOR OIL DRILLING PLATFORM  
WITH MITSUBISHI COMPANY OF  
JAPAN**

**\*129. DR. K. NAGAPPA ALVA :**

SHRI BANARSI DAS :

SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAU-  
DHARY :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
CHEMICALS be pleased to state :